

INTIMATIONS

NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

I HEREBY give Notice that I have This DAY handed over Charge of the Hongkong Branch of the NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED, to **MR. H. A. HERBERT.**

J. MELVILLE-MATSON.
Hongkong, 26th January, 1885. [256]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

IN accordance with the Resolution passed at the Meeting of Subscribers to the RACE FUND on the 4th November last, A MEETING of our MEMBERS will be held at the ST. ANDREW'S HALL, CURRY HASTINGS, TO-MORROW, the 28th instant, at 4 P.M., for the purpose of laying before them the Rules of the JOCKEY CLUB as drawn out by the Stewards.

By Order, H. J. H. TRIEP.
Hongkong, 27th January, 1885. [256]

SARAWAK.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE Undermentioned Farms, commencing from 1st July, 1885, will be sold by Public Auction at the Court House, Kuching, Sarawak, on the 14th April 1886.

The Opium Farm for the Territory of Sarawak from Tanjong Datu to Baram river, inclusive.

THE SINGAPORE AND PENANGUE STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.
"DIAMANTE."
Captain Stack will be despatched for the above Port TO-DAY, the 27th instant, at FIVE P.M.
For Freight or Passage apply to RUSSELL & Co., General Managers, Hongkong, 26th January, 1885.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND FOOSHAN.
"THALES."
Capt. Pocock will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 28th instant, at DAYLIGHT, instead of as previously advertised.
For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFRANK & Co.

General Managers.
Hongkong, 26th January, 1885. [250]

FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, TIENTSIN, NEWKOWANG, HANKOW, and Ports on the YANGTZE.)

THE Steamship

"CHIN-TUNG,"

Captain Winsor, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 28th instant, at FOUR P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co., [251]
Hongkong, 27th January, 1885.

STEAM TO BOMBAY VIA STRAITS
THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"BANGALORE."

will leave for the above place on FRIDAY the 30th inst., at THREE P.M.

A. MCIVER,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 26th January, 1885. [252]

FOR YOKOHAMA AND HIOGO.

THE Steamship

"BENGLOE,"

will leave for the above places on or about the

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hongkong, 26th January, 1885. [252]

TO BE LET
THE BASEMENT FLOOR, GODOWN
AND OFFICE ROOM of No. 8, Queen's
Road Central, either Whole or Separately.
Apply to
CHUN YUEN,
No. 152, Wing Lok Street,
Hongkong, 27th January, 1885. [253]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF
HONGKONG.
PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE MATTER OF WILLIAM BOLTON
SPRATT, Deceased.

PURSUANT to an Order of the CHIEF
JUSTICE made on the 25th day of November
1884, Notice is hereby given that the
time for Claimants and Creditors to send in their
Claims against the above Estate is limited to
the 24th day of February, 1885.
Dated this 25th day of November, 1884.
G. EWENS,
Solicitor for the Executors.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

<p>NOTICE is hereby given that SHAKESPEARE THEATRE COMPANY for TURKISH SHARES No. 47,088/47,088 standing in the name of ONG KEE has been LOST, and should the same not be produced before the 26th February next, a New Certificate will be issued in place of the Original Certificate which will not be recognised by the Company.</p>	<p>JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. (General Managers.) Hongkong, 26th January, 1885.</p>	<p>[24]</p>
<p>NEW YEAR PRESENTS. Great Assortment of useful Presents, & CHOICE PORCELAIN WARE, DINNER and DESSERT SERVICES, HARD PATENT TEA, & COFFEE SETS.</p>	<p>CURIOS, FURNITURE, &c., &c. CASSIMBOHY, Opposite City Hall.</p>	<p>[25]</p>
<p>AN ENGLISHMAN, of long experience in China, having some leisure time, would be glad to undertake ACCOUNTANT or other WRITING for any of the many references to competent Employers and Others.</p>	<p>Address P. G. Care of Office of this Paper Hongkong, 14th January, 1885.</p>	<p>[113]</p>
<p>WANTED - A COMFORTABLE PRIVATE HOUSE in SHA-MIEN</p>	<p>CANTON.</p>	

In a good position, to Rent by the year.
Possession as soon as possible.

Reply E. R. N.,
 Office of this Paper
Hongkong, 13th January, 1885. 1163

MAIL TABLES.

THE TABLE OF ARRIVALS and DEPARTURES OF ENGLISH and FRENCH MAILS at and from LONDON and HONGKONG with Anglo-Chinese Calendar can be had at 10 Cents each or \$1 per dozen.
"Daily Press" Office,
8th January, 1885.

divisions, but a consideration of these two views serves. The doctrine of Zerkow described by some as extra-religious, seems to be very lofty and profound in principle. It is the philosophy of the West. From a philosophical stand-point religion is an obscure thing: in view of philosophy, Buddha and the God of Christianity must be one and the same.

should be upheld, and because Christianity was founded by another sage it should be condemned. It is incompatible with the spirit of a doctrine which says that words cannot establish a creed, to despise the Bible because it is written in European language. *Shinso* is as much an expedient as Christianity is. We would therefore be among the majority, and take the more expedient. We cannot persuade believers

of Shinto to change their views, but we cannot tell them that they should regard the prevalence of Christianity in our country as an event occurring in the natural course of things, and refrain for the sake of the country from making any disturbance. Thus far we have treated of the convenience of sanctioning Christianity, but we do not propose that the majority of our countrymen should be Christians. A small

number, one for every hundred, will be sufficient. All that is required is the assumption of the title of a Christian country. The steps necessary to the Christianization of the country are to register the creed of Japanese Christians, permit the conduct of funeral ceremonies by missionaries and gradually introduce baptism among the upper and middle classes. We cannot attach too much importance to Japan's entrance into the

SEISMOLOGY IN JAPAN.

The *Japan Mail*, in noticing the second part of the seventh volume of the Seismological Society's Transactions, says:—It contains 92 pages, 87 of which are occupied by a discussion of 31 earthquakes observed during two years in Nor-

Japan, by Mr. John Milne. The general conclusions which Mr. Milne draws from his series of observations are especially worthy of note. He shows, for example, that the great majority of earthquakes felt in North Japan, between October, 1881, and October, 1883, had their origin beneath the sea. The western coast of Japan slopes away so gradually that, at a distance of 120 miles from the shore, the depths of the ocean are 13,405 feet. At 200 miles the depth is 14,050 feet. At 300 miles it is 14,600 feet. At 400 miles it is 15,150 feet. At 500 miles it is 15,700 feet. At 600 miles it is 16,250 feet. At 700 miles it is 16,800 feet. At 800 miles it is 17,350 feet. At 900 miles it is 17,900 feet. At 1,000 miles it is 18,450 feet. At 1,100 miles it is 19,000 feet. At 1,200 miles it is 19,550 feet. At 1,300 miles it is 20,100 feet. At 1,400 miles it is 20,650 feet. At 1,500 miles it is 21,200 feet. At 1,600 miles it is 21,750 feet. At 1,700 miles it is 22,300 feet. 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the ocean is only 140 fathoms. Along the eastern coast, on the contrary, the slope is so rapid that at the same distance from the land, a depth of 1,200 fathoms is found. At the foot of the latter steep declivity originated no less than 355 earthquakes out of 419 recorded during the above interval. Mr. Milne observes that similar conditions exist in the seismic region of South America. He further concludes that in Japan all currents, shallow and deep, were equally

Contrary to commonly accepted ideas, the records show that no direct relation exists between volcanic and seismic activity in Japan; but it is obvious that this conclusion cannot be accepted as final until the state of the ocean floor be ascertained. For the whole of Japan Mr. Milne thinks that on the average

at least one earthquake occurs every day. The winter, however, is much worse than the summer, the proportion being 278 109; while if the intensity also be taken into account, the figures become 1,045 to 294. In disturbances which visit Tokyo, come, in almost every case, from the north, and pass the city to the south and west, until they reach the Hakone mountains, where they suddenly stop. The

and many other curious facts, will be found recorded in the Transactions. Mr. Milne has also, to have struck out a line in which his searches might at once prove of practical value. His observations in Tokijo show very great varieties in the intensities of shocks experienced at different places. With similar instruments placed at the corners of a triangle having sides about 800 feet long, he has obtained conclusions

evidence that, while at one corner there might be sufficient motion to shatter a building, at the other corners the disturbance would be trivial. These results point at once to the advisability of seismic surveys as a preliminary building operation. The last severe shock which Tokyo was visited shook the chimneys of the British Legation so severely that they had to be rebuilt, but caused no appreciable damage to the building.

at the Russian Legation. Now that the citizens of Tokyo contemplate remodelling the plan of the capital, they would do well to include the question of earthquakes in their calculation. Certainly the Government, before finally selecting sites for the Houses of Parliament and other large edifices said to be projected, ought to take advantage of the valuable results Mr. Milner's researches suggest.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The El. and A. steamer *Guthrie*, with the Australian mail, arrived here yesterday afternoon. The subjoined telegrams are taken from our Sydney and Queensland files;—

ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF THE BISHOP OF

ARMISTICE.
ARNOLD, 28th December
A tremendous commotion was caused in the Roman Catholic Cathedral here, yesterday morning, during divine service. Just as Bishop Torregiani was about to celebrate mass, a man named McCafferty walked up through the church with a sword in his hand, and when he got to the altar he raised his arm with the evident intention

of striking the Bishop, but some of the congregation just caught his arm in time to prevent any harm. As they did so, however, McCafferty fired at the Bishop from a six-chambered revolver, which he had concealed in his other hand, and the bullet passed through the Bishop's vestments into the floor, without doing any harm. The man was seized at once soiled, and held until a policeman arrived when he was conveyed to the lock-up. McCafferty

works on the roads, and it is stated that he came from Tamworth to kill the Bishop. It is believed he is mad. The Bishop kept quite cool and proceeded with the service after McCafferty's removal, as if nothing had occurred. The remaining five chambers of the revolver were also loaded.

ARMIDALE, 29th December.
The man McCafferty was brought before the

local police court this morning and committed for trial on a charge of shooting at Bishop Terregiani with intent to commit murder. The prisoner intended two years ago to shoot Bishop Terregiani; but fortunately the latter was not in the cathedral on the occasion. Mc Cafferty seems to be quite sane, except on religious subjects, on which he is undoubtedly insane. He is a Roman Catholic, and says that the Pope, the Archbishop of Sicily, and Bishop Terregiani have conspired

of Sydney, and Bishop Corrigan have sought which they ought to tell their congregations, and then all would be right.

ARRIVAL OF COLONEL SCRATCHLEY IN AUSTRALIA.

ADELAIDE, 4th January.

Colonel Scratchley, the Commissioner for New Guinea, was a passenger by the *Ballararat*, which arrived from Glenelg on Saturday morning. He was interviewed by a reporter, and stated that the

the protectorate territory consisted of a strip of country on the south coast from the 141st meridian to East Cape, and certain islands, south-east of the Lomislade Archipelago. He has been instructed to act as Deputy Commissioner for New Britain, New Ireland, and the Solomon Islands. In consequence of the German annexation liabilities assumed in this respect will lapse. He wants more money from the colonies and will

visit them successively on this question. . . . His sympathies with the Australian re-annexation feeling.

LORD DERBY BURNED IN EFFIGY.
MELBOURNE, 2nd January.
At a meeting held at Rosedale, Gippsland, to protest against the German annexation, Lord Derby was burned in effigy while the meeting sang "Rule Britannia."

FOREIGN TELEGRAMS.
THE GERMAN ANNEXATIONS IN AUSTRALASIA.
LONDON, 22nd December.
The *Standard* states that Germany has notified the other European Powers that she has annexed the islands of New Britain, New Ireland, New Hanover, Boko of York Islands, Admiralty Islands, all off the eastern and north-eastern

coast of New Guinea; also the Marshall Group in the North Pacific; likewise Anderson Island together with the northern portion of New Guinea over which England has not extended her protection. The *Standard* further states that England has been aware of the intentions of Germany since July. Dr. Finsch will probably be appointed administrator over these additions to the German Empire.

LONDON, 3rd December.
It is understood that Germany gave Earl Derby a pledge that she would not annex New Guinea. Mr. Murray Smith, Agent-General in London for Victoria, is inquiring whether Eng-

and will recognize the action of Germany in annexing the northern portion of New Guinea.

It is stated that England has not annexed the D'Entrecasteaux Islands lying off the south-western extremity of the continent.

The London Times, in a leading article on the action of Germany, remarks that the Earl of Derby's declaration in respect to annexation in the Pacific deserves the most careful consideration.

Lord Derby has repeated his refusal to annex the Solomon and Santa Cruz groups of islands lying to the east of New Guinea.

The position of New Guinea annexed by Germany extends from the Gulf of Anson northwards.

The Spectator, in an article commenting on the present action of Germany in the Pacific and the indisposition of the British Government to the extension of a British Protectorate over a large part of New Guinea and over other islands in the Pacific, suggests that the Secretary of State for the Colonies would do well to retire from office, to prevent Australia making the situation unmanageable for England.

It is expected that Germany will shortly annex the Samoa and Tonga Islands, in the Pacific.

The Hon. J. F. Archibald, M.P., will shortly announce the Queen's speech, on behalf of the colony, made at a strong protest against the German annexation of New Guinea.

It is probable that the British Protectorate in New Guinea will be extended as far as Cape Nelson.

Further British Annexation in the Pacific.

The Daily Telegraph, this morning states that the Commodore on the Australian station has received instructions from the Imperial Government to hold the British flag at the following islands in the Pacific:—Tonga, Samoa, and the Cook Islands, and to hold the flag at the following islands in the Pacific:—Tonga, Samoa, and the Cook Islands.

It is reported that the British Government has decided to annex the island of Rapa, in the Society Group, French and the New Hebrides.

It is understood that the British Government is being carried on between France and England with a view to the cession of the New Hebrides to France.

It is expected that France will shortly occupy the New Hebrides.

The Times, one of the leading daily journals published in Paris, declares that unless the colonial policy which the British Government has adopted in the Pacific is abandoned, the British Empire will be lost.

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supply is established at Galdak, between Kori and Shandy. A sufficient garrison will be retained at Kori to preserve the communications.

The following delay in the plan to move for the forthcoming campaign for the relief of Kharum was made public to-day: Major-General Kari will collect the various detachments of Infantry at Harare, near Harare, and will then proceed to inflict due punishment on the murderers of Colonel Stewart. When that task is concluded the Infantry will advance to Harare and proceed to open a road to the northward through the desert to Kharum and establish communication. Meanwhile the Mounted Infantry, Guards, and Camel Corps will march to-morrow from Kori in order to convey the command to Kharum. Colonel Herbert Stewart, with the Guards, will remain at Galdak to protect the stores, while the Mounted Infantry and unloaded baggage-camels will return to Kori, where the headquarters expedition will set out. As soon as this movement is accomplished it is intended that the Camel Corps, Artillery, and Kharum contingent shall proceed via Galdak to Shandy and thence to Kharum.

Colonel Herbert Stewart, with the camel corps, guards, and mounted infantry, left Kori to-day for Galdak, in conveyance of the stores, and should arrive there on Thursday. It is not expected that any opposition will be offered by the Arabs to the advance of the British force.

Telegrams have been received from the Mudir of Dongola stating the garrison of Kharum had repulsed the deserters of the Mahdi's force near Omdurman, the rebels losing heavily on each occasion. The Mahdi is said to have withdrawn to Jaber, two days' journey southward of Kharum, and has refused to lead his army against Dongola.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

The German Reichstag has refused to vote the salaries for additional consuls at Apia and Tonga, in the Pacific.

Mr. Sims Reeves, the famous tenor, has made an engagement to visit Australia.

The most Rev. William Conyngham Plunkett (Lord Clontarf) has been appointed Bishop of Dublin, in succession to Dr. French, who recently resigned. Lord Plunkett has been Bishop of Meath since 1878.

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